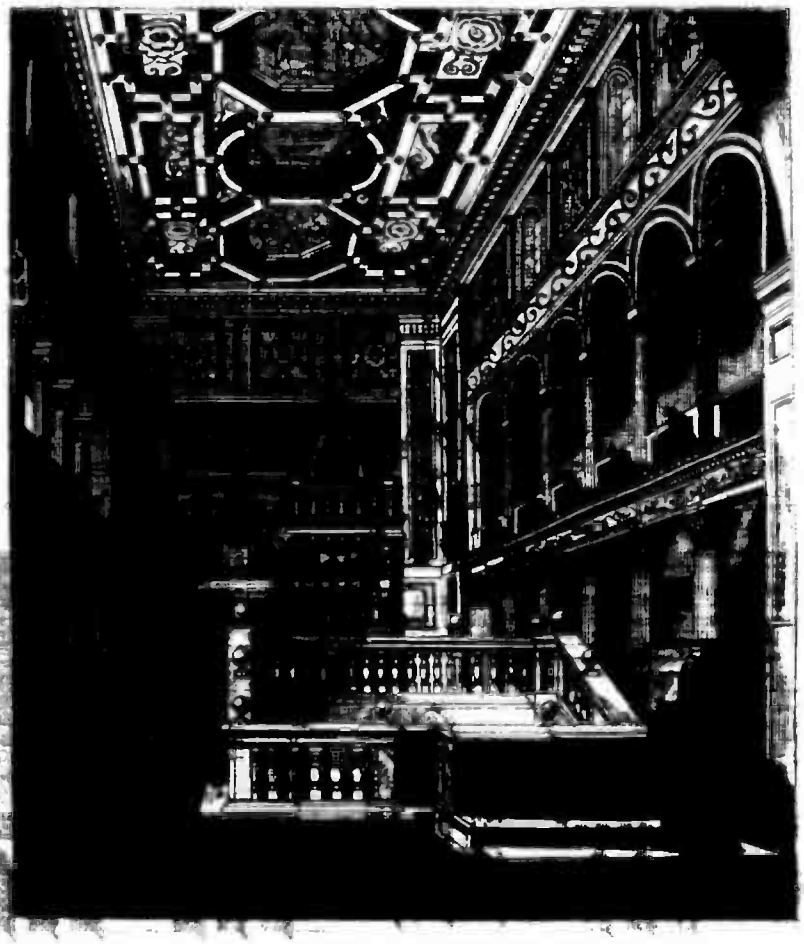
CHURCH OF ST. LORENZO, FUORI, ROME.



ST. JOHN'S SCHOOLS, LIVERPOOL.

Our engraving represents the street-front of St. John's Schools, now erecting in Liverpool. The building includes an infant school on the ground floor, 37 feet by 21 feet; boys' and girls' schools on the two upper floors, 60 feet by 30 feet. There is an open arcade in front 7 feet wide, with a passage at each end 5 feet wide, leading to the back playground. The staircase is octagon in the centre of the back elevation, and has two separate and distinct sets of stairs in the same well. The front is being executed in Caen stone, filled in with Upholland flag rubble. All the timber throughout the building is Baltic: the roof of the upper school is to be open and stained. Mr. Hay is the architect. Mr. Miller is the contractor for the whole, and his estimate, exclusive of fittings, is 1,855*l.*

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This church is well known, as having had the orientation changed. It is supposed to have been originally founded by Constantine, rebuilt 580 and 1220. The work in 1220 included an entire rebuilding, the only thing done being the present tribune end.

In 1216-27, the orientation was changed, and nave added. The sketch shows the tribune. The triforium (of large size), is open to the floor.

NEW CHURCH AT WICKHAM BISHOPS.

A church, dedicated to St. Bartholomew, has been erected at Wickham Bishops, through the munificence of Miss Leigh, the daughter of the late incumbent, and was consecrated last week.

The church is designed in the Early English style; it is built of Kentish rag stone, with dressings of Caen stone. It consists of a nave 50 feet long by 21, a north aisle of the same length, by 12 feet 9 inches, and a south aisle for the children, 25 feet by 13 feet 8 inches. These aisles communicate with the nave by four arches respectively, which, together with the pillars supporting them, are of Caen stone. The chancel is 32 feet long by 16 feet in width. The church has a tower at the western end of the nave, communicating with the latter by a lofty archway, the lower part being screened off for a vestry, &c. The tower is surmounted by a spire of timber framework, covered by boards and oak shingles, the total height being about 120 feet. The principal entrance on the north side has a porch of open woodwork, which, together with the doors, is framed of English oak.

The entrance to the churchyard from the road has a lich gate also of English oak. The external covering of the several roofs is of blue Staffordshire tiles. The floors of the passages, &c. of the church are laid with black and red Staffordshire tiles, and the chancel is paved with Minton's encaustic tiles. The seats and the internal fittings are of oak. The benches in the chancel have carved ends, but no doors. The stalls in the chancel have carved ellwyns and stall-ends; the fronts between them are arcaded. The communion railing is supported by pillars with carved capitals. The reading desk is formed with open arcaded work, and the front of the book-board is carved with foliage relieved by the inscription—"Search the Scriptures," which runs along it. The pulpit is of Caen stone.

The font is octagonal, with moulded base and carved bowl, having on four of its sides panels, representing, "The Presentation of Christ in the Temple," "Baptism of Christ," "Christ receiving little children," and "The Resurrection of Christ." It is surmounted by a carved cover, with pierced panels and crockette.

The windows, with the exception of two, in the children's aisle, are all filled with stained glass. That in the west window is by Clutterbuck. The remaining windows are by Wailes.

The architect is Mr. Ewan Christian, and the works have been executed by Messrs. Higgs. The cost of the building and its fittings, exclusive of furniture, bell, plate, &c., is, we understand, about 3,000*l.*

ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH, ROMFORD.

On the 19th inst. a new church at Romford, Essex, founded on the 26th July, 1849, was consecrated by the Bishop of Rochester. It was built from the design of Mr. John Johnson, in the Decorated style, will accommodate 1,104 persons, and has cost about 8,000*l.*

It consists of nave and aisles, 81 feet long, by 54 feet wide, and 55 feet high; chancel, 30 feet long, and 45 feet high; with north and south chapels on each side, for the children and organ. The tower is placed on the south side, facing the road and entrances; it is 21 feet square at bottom; it contains a peal of eight bells,* and is surmounted by a spire. The tower and spire are together 150 feet in height. The walls of the church are built of rubble, faced with Kentish rag-stone, and with Bath stone for the tracing and dressings of the windows, doors, &c. The roofs are of open framing, and, with the other deal fittings, are stained of an oak colour and varnished. The chancel is divided from the north and south chapels by oak screens and stalls on each side, and has a carved Caen stone reredos,

* The old peal has been re-cast, but one of them has been recast under circumstances that produced a novel subscription. The fifth bell was long known to be cracked, and when taken down it was found to bear this inscription—"The bachelors of Romford paide for this bell castinge—Robert Motte made me, 1594." Of course an appeal was made to the unmarried townsfolks, and in consequence a subscription was opened by the bachelors of Romford in 1845 for re-casting their bell, and it is now replaced in a perfect state, ready to ring the merry marriage peal for them when they find those they are looking for.

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